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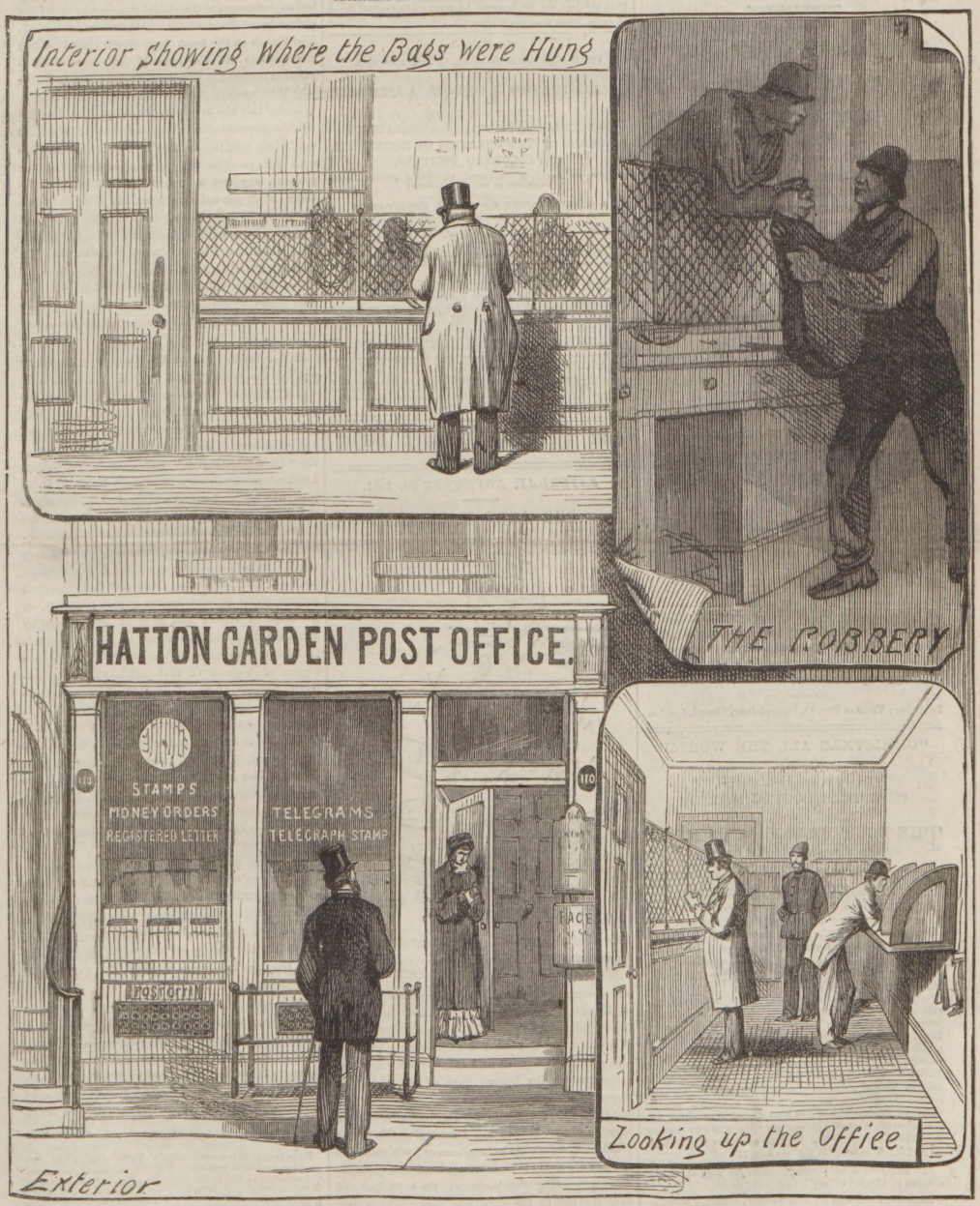

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The Penny Illustrated Paper

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1881.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

THE criminal classes of London are certainly growing more daring. It was but the other day a burglar shot a young policeman dead at Kingston. Hardly a morning passes without chronicling some new case of burglary. And now, in a much-frequented thoroughfare, within less than a stone's throw of the vast river of London life that ebbs and flows along Holborn, a most audacious robbery has been committed at the busiest hour of the day in an important branch Post Office! Hatton-garden, near the Holborn end of which this Post-office is situated, may be almost termed the Diamond Exchange of London. Comfortable looking men of jovial mien and Hebrew aspect are to be seen any morning on the door-steps transacting their business in the most free and easy manner in the open air. Sometimes, a gem may be seen to sparkle in their plump hands—possibly not of the same value quite as Mr. Rose's £150,000 Cape diamond—but still a brilliant of great price occasionally. These well-to-do Diamond Merchants appear to have been in the habit of using the Hatton-garden Post Office largely for the purpose of transmitting precious stones in duly registered packets to their customers. Wednesday, Nov. 16, the "Registered Letter" bag must have been exceptionally full of rich and rare gems, for the unusually large reward of £1200 is offered for the apprehension of the skilful thieves who about five o'clock in the afternoon effected the robbery of the bag. The Sketch on the front page shows that this bag was kept in far too exposed and unprotected a position behind the counter, its nearness to which may have tempted the thieves in the first instance. Whether this was so or not, the adroit ruse of extinguishing the gas at the meter in order that a confederate might leap over the counter in the dark, and escape with the precious bag in the confusion of the moment, suggests a danger that no branch Post Office is at present safe from. It is to be hoped the men who planned and executed this great theft will have been arrested before these lines are read; but, in any case, I have a shrewd suspicion that Mr. Fawcett, the able Administrator Mr. Gladstone has placed at the head of the Post Office, will not wait until they are captured before directing proper safeguards to be adopted in every London post-office.

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Rather various will be the answers to the query put by the song, "How do you like London?" which promises, by-the-way, to be one of the popular airs in the Christmas pantomimes, seeing that our arch-humourist of *Punch*, Mr. Burnand, has set his seal of approval on it by adapting it in the "Dick Whittington" burlesque at the Gaiety. London has a fresh surprise in store, however, if, as is surmised, Mrs. Langtry's successful appearance in "A Fair Encounter" with Mrs. Henry Labouchere at the Twickenham amateur theatricals last Saturday may be accepted as portending the "Jersey Lily's" intention to appear on the London Stage. A few of the Twickenham audience had the good fortune to be present at the superb banquet, or the feast of reason and flow of bowl, given by Messieurs Burnand and Bruce at the St. James's Hotel to commemorate the 300th night at the Prince of Wales's of that mirth-provoking æsthetic comedy, "The Colonel." The entertainment of a different kind provided in the Queen's Bench by the libel action of "Scott v. Sampson" yielded as much amusement as ever to the idle throng which labours under the illusion that Courts of Law are places of recreation. When I first read the paragraph complained of in the *Referee*—a paragraph full of pungent censure aimed at some unnamed critic for rumoured application to Admiral Carr-Glynn for hush-money in consideration of his not revealing something of the late Miss Neilson's past life—I certainly did not for a moment identify Mr. Clement Scott, or any other known critic, as the gentleman aimed at; and was, accordingly, much surprised to hear that Mr. Scott had taken the charge as levelled against himself and brought an action against the Editor and part proprietor of the *Referee* for libel. Now this painful business is settled by Mr. Sampson's being mulcted in damages to the extent of £1500 and costs, it will be best not to rake the disagreeable subject up again. Mr. Scott has cleared himself; and Mr. Sampson is so much money out of pocket; and both the *Referee* and the *Theatre* have had splendid advertisements; and there the matter had better drop.

PHILIP.

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News in a Nutshell.

THE QUEEN AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

HER MAJESTY and Princess Beatrice returned to Balmoral on Saturday from the Glassalt Shiel, and on Tuesday left for Windsor.

The Prince of Wales on Monday visited the Duke of Portland at Welbeck Abbey, Notts. On Saturday night Worksop was illuminated with the electric light in anticipation of the Prince's visit. Among the guests invited to meet the Prince were Earl and Countess Spencer, the Marquis of Hartington, Lord and Lady Cole, Lord and Lady Lascelles, Lady Otaline Cavendish; and Lady Bolsover did the honours.

Prince Albert Victor and Prince George will not return to this country before next spring, meanwhile visiting Singapore, China, Japan, and Ceylon, among other places. Nothing has yet been decided as to what they will do afterwards.

The forty-first birthday of the Crown Princess of Prussia was celebrated in Berlin on Monday by the opening of the New Museum of Art Industry. The institution is similar to that of South Kensington.

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise arrived at Edinburgh on Monday.

PRINCE LEOPOLD ENGAGED.

It was on Monday announced that the Queen had received intelligence of the engagement of Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, to Princess Hélène of Waldeck, which took place three days previously at Frankfort. The Princess is a younger sister of the present Queen of the Netherlands and niece to the Queen of Sweden.

Princess Hélène Frederica Augusta is the fourth child of Prince George Victor and Princess Hélène Wilhelmine Henrietta of Waldeck Pyrmont, a small State on the northern borders of Hesse-Cassel. The Princess was born on Feb. 27, 1861, and is therefore nearly twenty-one years of age. Of her three elder sisters the first, Princess Pauline Emma, is unmarried; the second, Princess Georgina Henrietta Maria, is married to Prince William Charles of Wirtemberg; and the third, Princess Adelaide Emma, is now Queen of the Netherlands. It should be unnecessary to add that the princely house of Waldeck is Protestant.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR FREDERICK ROBERTS,

the *Standard* understands, will retain the command of the Madras Army, in preference to accepting the appointment of Quartermaster-General, on Sir Garnet Wolseley's transfer to the Adjutant-General-ship of the Forces.

QUESTIONABLE APPOINTMENT TO NATAL.

The news of the appointment of Mr. W. Sendall, one of the Under-Secretaries of the Local Government Board, to the governorship of Natal, is said to have been received with incredulity, and, when its truth was confirmed, "with indignation and disgust."

GAMBETTA AND TUNIS.

Sir Charles Dilke brought back good news from Paris. M. Gambetta has intimated his desire personally to take a share in the negotiation of a new Treaty of Commerce; and Mr. Rowley, the new Minister of Commerce, will in all probability be found as good a Free-trader as he was when a private member of the Chamber. The negotiations will be resumed in about a month.

One of the French Generals commanding in Tunis reports to the War Minister at Paris that he has "caused" the Tunisian army under Ali Bey to retire to Tunis on account of the excesses it had committed in the Zaghouan district. This army will now be disbanded—and exit the last traces of independence.

"AS THE ROMANS DO!"

Last Monday a spectator in one of the galleries of the Chamber of Deputies at Rome threw a loaded revolver into the hall, crying out that it was "for Depretis," the Premier. No one was injured, and the man was arrested on the spot.

TORY SUCCESS AT STAFFORD.

The election of a member of Parliament for Stafford, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Macdonald, took place on Saturday. The polling resulted in the return of the Conservative candidate by a majority of 297, Mr. Salt receiving 1482 votes, against 1185 given for Mr. Howell, the Liberal.

SIR R. CROSS,

speaking at the opening of a Conservative Club at Newton on Saturday, said he believed that if the verdict of the country could be taken now, it would be very different from that of 1880. He quoted statistics to show that the Conservative Government has relieved the country of rates to the extent of a million and a half, while the Liberals had added £5,800,000 to the rates. On Monday, Sir R. Cross officiated at the opening of the Junior Conservative Association Rooms at Stockport. Addressing a crowded meeting at night, he referred to the "Fair-trade" cry, and expressed himself as opposed to any tax being laid upon the necessary food of the people, whilst he condemned the language held by Mr. Bright upon the subject. The complacent utterances of this pragmatical magistrate (whose Water Bill swamped the late Government) can hardly have much weight with the Lancashire lads.

MR. JAMES HOWARD, M.P.,

last Monday night delivered an address at the Westbourne-grove Chapel on the Land Question in England, in which he expressed his belief that Mr. Gladstone knew just as well what was required for England and Scotland as for Ireland, and that unless the constituencies spoke out, the Prime Minister would be overborne by influences both inside and outside the Cabinet.

THE HOME SECRETARY

has telegraphed to the secretary of the Glasgow Industrial School directing that a copy of the evidence taken by the directors should be immediately sent to the Home Office.

DR. DARBISHIRE, THE OXFORD STROKE,

was elected Coroner for the University on Tuesday, in the place of the late Mr. Frederick Symonds.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND

has written to the High Sheriff of Dublin informing him that the Lord Lieutenant has commuted the sentence of death on Peter Duk for the murder of Constable Daly to penal servitude for life.

AT DUBLIN

on Monday 130 magistrates of the county of Dublin met, under the presidency of Viscount Monck, Lord Lieutenant of the county, and passed resolutions approving of the action of the Government and the measures taken to preserve the peace of the country. Lord Powerscourt was amongst those present.

Christmas Leaves.

Kate Greenaway's Christmas novelty will be *A Day in a Child's Life*, a seasonable book adorned with daintily coloured drawings from the brush of this talented Artist, and set to music by the clever son of a popular landscape painter, Mr. Birket Foster, organist at the Foundling Chapel, renowned for the excellence of its musical services.

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"May Blossom," the beautiful coloured Christmas work of Messrs. Warne and Co., will make the eyes of many children brighten in December. This is sure to rank as one of the prettiest gift books of the season.

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Elegant though the costly Birthday Book of H.R.H. Princess Beatrice is, it can scarcely be appreciated so well in England as it would have been had the coloured designs been executed by an English instead of a German firm.

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Booksellers, and through them the public, will be indebted to Messrs. Warne and Co. for quite a library of handsome volumes, large and little, calculated to make youngsters jump with joy, and their demure elders of the nursery contented in a quieter sort of way. To the former class belong the tasteful and bright "Buttercup" series of "Mabel," designed by George Lambert, of which "Three Little Doggies" will be a favourite; while among the latter, Mrs. Valentine's "Shakespearian Tales in Verse," chastely illustrated, and Mary Howitt's "Tales of English Life" and "Tales for All Seasons," plentifully embellished with Engravings, should be most in request. Amateur conjurors will find many useful hints in Mr. J. D. Theobald's capital shilling book of "Magic, and its Mysteries," likewise published by Warne.

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A handbook to tickle the palate for nothing! Fact! There is before us an admirable cook's guide—a cyclopædia of the gastronomic art in miniature—a well-bound and copiously illustrated little work, armed with which any housewife can furnish varied and relishable dishes in the most economical way all the year round. "*Good Things*" is the title of this tid-bit of a book; and any of our readers may obtain a copy of "Good Things" by simply sending an addressed postal wrapper, with a penny stamp affixed, to those benefactors of their species, Messrs. Goodall, Backhouse, and Co., White Horse-street, Leeds.

THERE is nothing so sustaining in cold weather as a cup of pure Cocoa, such as CADBURY'S COCOA ESSENCE, which costs only one halfpenny per breakfast cup, being three times the strength of the best mixtures sold as Cocoa.—[ADVT.]

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The Playgoer.

I WISH Mr. Charles Hengler every success in his recurring opening night at the Grand Cirque in Argyll-street, Oxford-street. Recruiting his strength from his admirable equestrian establishments in the provinces, the best managed of any, Mr. Hengler is able to reopen his fine Circus with an unrivalled company of Circus performers, to whom I thus early beg to tender the compliments of the coming season on behalf of the numberless little ones who will flock to Hengler's.

I am happy to say there is little of novelty to report. "Dust to Dust" having been said to Mr. Sydney Grundy's too sketchy farcical comedy at the Royalty, a musical piece which is never "dusty" was revived on Monday at the little Soho—far better name, Soho, than Royalty for the Dean-street house. Lydia Thompson philosophically occupied the stage-box during the performance of "Geneviève de Brabant," wherein Miss Emily Soldene seemed to sing more sweetly than ever as Drogan, Miss M. Marshall was "snappy" and tuneful as Geneviève, Maud Branscombe, the most photographed of her sex, looked *chic* and comely as a page in black tights, Mr. J. G. Taylor was mirth-movingly funny as Cocorico, and the two Gens-d'armes, with fresh topical verses, commanded as many encores as ever, and deserved them, seeing that MM. R. Marshall and Felix Bury were the impersonators of these droll guardians of the peace. Offenbach's comic opera is brightened by many apt topical hits; and the ballad-singing of Miss Soldene was beyond all praise.

STAGE AND ORCHESTRA GOSSIP.

MR. HENRY IRVING has done better than ever at Edinburgh. He exceeded his hitherto unprecedented takings at Glasgow. This most popular actor last Saturday played SHYLOCK and IAGO to the Portia and Desdemona of Ellen Terry. In his parting speech, Mr. Irving associated the name of Ellen Terry with the names of Sarah Siddons and Helen Faucit; and added, "*I may tell you that there has been taken as to the engagement here* £4300—(loud applause)—which is certainly the largest engagement I ever had before in any theatre during the space of time, and I believe it is perfectly unprecedented in any city."

THE CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY on Monday succeeded the Irving Lyceum troupe as the leading attraction in Edinburgh, the opening opera being "Lohengrin," grandly rendered; and the Irving Company took Manchester by storm at the Prince's.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE," the means of turning a disloyal manifestation into a loyal demonstration at Dublin last Saturday, has this week cruised into Liverpool, and sent her jovial crew ashore to the Prince of Wales's.

DION BOUCICAULT consoles himself for the failure of "Mimi" at the St. James's by unctuously enacting the rôle of "The Shaughraun" at the Royal, Birmingham; whilst "The Pirates of Penzance" run at the Prince of Wales's, Day's Concert-Hall has a good bill, too, for the Cattle-Show week.

MADAME PATTI, whose concert season in America has hitherto been a deserved failure through the excessive price of 10 dols. charged for admission, has made a contract with a new manager to give thirty concerts throughout the country for 50 0 dols. each. The admission will be 5 dols.

OUR AMERICAN BRETHREN have done a useful thing in checking the absurdly high prices fixed by operatic stars. Opera will never be established on a sound basis in this country till reasonable wages are accepted by the leading vocalists, whose inordinate extravagance has ruined many an entrepreneur.

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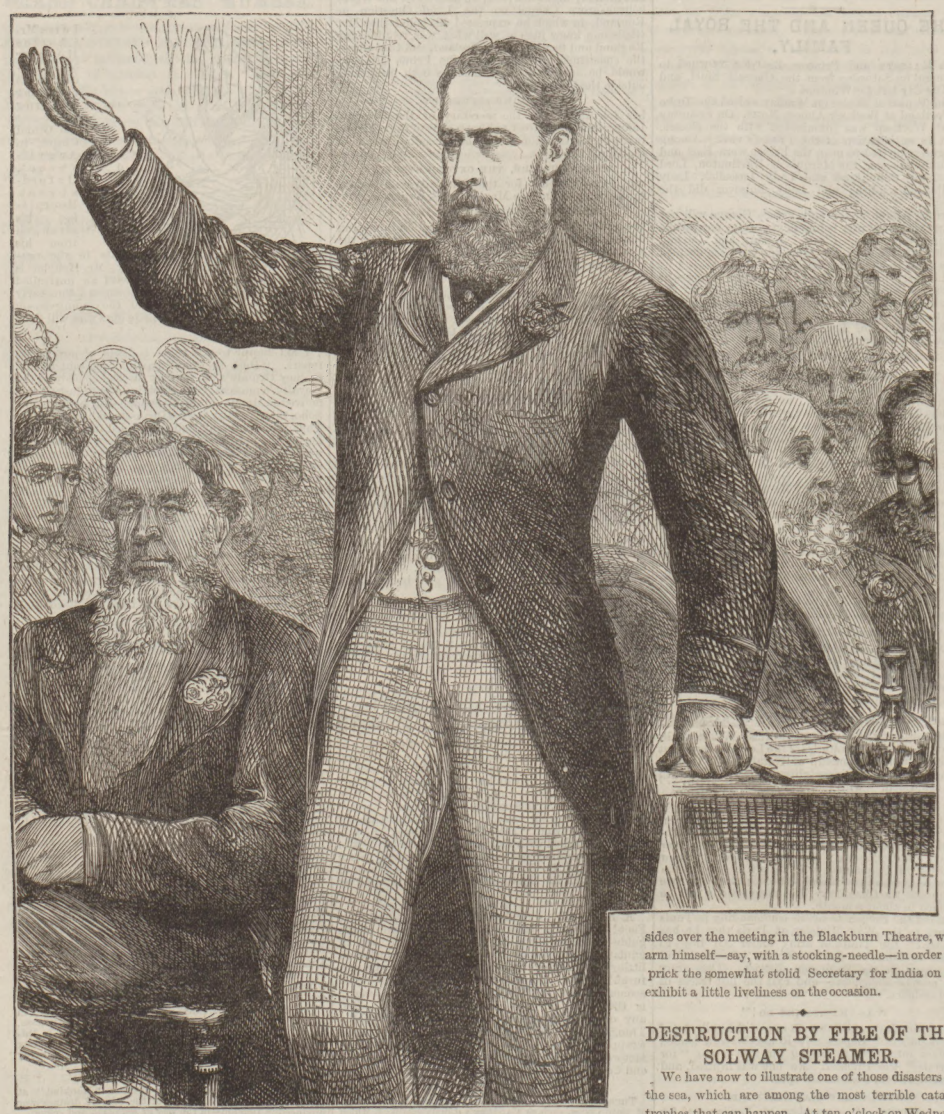

THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON AS A PLATFORM ORATOR.

Our Illustrations.

LORD HARTINGTON ON THE STUMP.

THE MARQUIS OF HARTINGTON is a curiosity among statesmen. Son of a Duke—Heir-Apparent to his Grace the Duke of Devonshire—he might be almost excused, such is the innate weakness of Poor Humanity, were he to resign himself to the natural indolence of his phlegmatic temperament, and devote himself wholly to the life of profitless pleasure which has irresistible attractions for many of his peers.

But ambition has pricked him on. Forsaking the temptations—more or less—of the Turf, the Marquis of Hartington has lived laborious days and watched through sleepless nights in the arduous service of the State. A certain straightforward honesty characterises his speeches; and the sound Liberality of their tone has won for him a fair amount of public admiration; whilst the emphatic indorsement of his claims as a Liberal Leader by such good men and true as Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Bright may be said to crown his qualifications for the high and honourable post he holds in the service of the Queen and his Country.

But Lord Hartington does sadly need to infuse a great deal more energy and terseness into his speeches. We give the noble Lord's portrait, apropos of his visit to Blackburn to-day—and we do hope that Sir Ughtred J. Kay Shuttleworth, who presides over the meeting in the Blackburn Theatre, will arm himself—say, with a stocking-needle—in order to prick the somewhat stolid Secretary for India on to exhibit a little liveliness on the occasion.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE SOLWAY STEAMER.

We have now to illustrate one of those disasters of the sea, which are among the most terrible catastrophes that can happen. At ten o'clock on Wednesday night, Nov. 16,

THE SCREW-STEAMER SOLWAY

put into Kingstown Harbour, in flames. She is the property of Messrs. Sloane and Co., of Glasgow. It appears that the ship, which is a steamer of 400 tons, left Belfast at half-past four o'clock on the Tuesday afternoon, having put in there on her voyage from Glasgow. All went on well until six o'clock on the Wednesday morning, when the ship was about twenty miles from Rockabill, off Skerries. A barrel of naphtha oil then burst on the fore main deck. The oil ran along the deck to the steerage, where it came in contact with a fire, and in another moment the vessel was in flames, the mast and fore main deck burning fiercely. A violent storm was raging at the time, thus adding to the horrors of the situation, and to the difficulty of coping with it.

H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD, DUKE OF ALBANY, JUST BETROTHED TO PRINCESS HELENE OF WALDECK.

(From Mr. Van der Weyde's Electric-Light Photograph).

Six of the passengers who were on the steerage deck at the time of the explosion were literally enveloped by the flames, and before the unfortunate people could escape from the fire which surrounded them, their shrieks of terror and screams of agony were silenced in a terrible death. The rest of the passengers and crew, some fearfully burned, fled to the stern of the vessel. Five persons left the steamer in a small boat, namely—Wm. H. Fry, second mate, son of the captain; Henry Hall, Roderick Maclean, and Charles Cole, sailors; and a passenger named Parkhouse, a shopkeeper carrying on business at Glasgow.

THE STORY OF CAPTAIN FRY

gives the most succinct account of the calamity. The master of the Solway deposed at the inquest that he left Belfast on the Tuesday evening, when the wind was blowing very fresh. It continued so all night, accompanied by heavy rain, until the Wednesday morning. At about five o'clock in the morning the mate called him up on deck and said something had gone wrong with the steerage gear, and that the vessel would not answer the helm. He (witness) immediately ordered up the second watch, and got lights to discover the defect. They had three kinds of steering gear on board for different modes of steering. The vessel was a fore and aft schooner. They had a mainsail on the mizen, but it was no good. The mate told him what was wrong, and he tried to get the other steering gear on, but could not move the helm, and on examination found that the chain got jammed in the quadrant between the deck, and consequently could not act. The vessel then rolled very heavily, and soon after the mate reported to him that the ship was on fire. Witness asked him to inform the passengers of the fact.

The forward part of the ship was almost immediately afterwards on fire—in fact, in a blaze of light. He jumped down at once, and succeeded in closing the galley door. The ship had on board a general cargo. He could not name the items in it, but part of it he knew to be paraffin oil, and it was stored on deck in the usual way. He was not aware that there was any law against carrying it in that way. While they were trying to fix the second gearing there was a rumbling sort of noise. It was blowing a heavy gale, and the vessel was rolling heavily, and not being under any command she made more than ordinarily heavy rolls, heavier than if the rudder had been all right. When the mate told him that the ship was on fire he told the second mate to go and tell the passengers, but he immediately ran back to witness and said the place was on fire.

Captain Fry himself jumped down to close the galley door. There were only two places where there were fires, and where the oil could have ignited—the galley and the steerage. Witness succeeded in closing the galley door, but the air was so suffocating that he could go no farther. He jumped back to the ladder, and if he had had another rung to go up he would have dropped.

"In a few minutes after the fire began (continued witness) the starboard life-boat was on fire. We got hose and buckets, and tried to put out the fire in that way. The engineers stuck below till they were almost suffocated, and they had to return, first opening the valve to prevent an explosion. We did all we could, but we could not go below. The sea was making a breach over the deck, and there was about two feet of water on deck. Everything moved from side to side, and you could not move, or your legs would have been broken. We had to keep to the parts of the vessel where we were. After a great deal of exertion one way or another we found that the water, which at first seemed to be our greatest enemy, turned out to be our best friend; for, after the oil had run out amongst the water, the fire did not make so much way. All the 'houses' around the steerage were of iron, and the consequence was that when the light wood that was round the iron was burnt off the fire began to ease a little.

"The starboard life-boat had been burnt. We did our best to secure the port life-boat, which was near to the starboard one; and if we had to take to the boat we must take it before the fire got to it. We got the port life-boat out, but before we got it lowered it was stove in; the quarter-deck boat was got, and four of the crew got into her and one passenger. More could have got into her, but she broke away. That accounts for three boats out of the four, and the chances were that, if we had lowered the fourth, it would have been served as the others were. I ordered the steward to get up the life-jackets, so as to give a little confidence to the men." Captain Fry then detailed the steps taken to stop the ravages of the fire until the arrival in Kingstown Bay. The fire was entirely extinguished at a late hour on the Thursday evening, and all danger of the whisky in the hold exploding was at an end. This was done by pumping into the middle and forward holds, and both had nearly to be filled with water before the fire could be put out. The cargo, a most valuable one, was thus almost entirely destroyed.

At the close of the evidence the Kingstown jury expressed a wish that a careful examination of the vessel should be made, so as to ascertain the exact number of bodies. Dr. McDermott accordingly made an examination, and reported as the result that there were thirteen bodies instead of thirteen, and that the fourteenth was that of a child between four and nine years of age. The inquest resulted in a verdict of accidental death.

THE MISSING BOAT.

A telegram from the Isle of Man received reveals, it is to be feared, the fate of the five men who left the Solway in a boat when the ship took fire. The boat, in good condition, has been cast ashore at Castletown, but empty.

THE FUNERAL OF THE VICTIMS

of the Solway conflagration took place last Sunday afternoon at Dean's Grange Cemetery, near Kingstown. The bodies, thirteen in number, that of Corporal O'Keeffe having been removed to Dublin, were inclosed in eight coffins, some of which contained two bodies each and others three, and were all placed in the mortuary of St. Michael's Hospital. The Rev. Mr. Flood performed the rites over the remains of Chas. Byrne, in the dead-house, and the bodies were conveyed to the hearses, which then proceeded to the cemetery. The friends of Charles Byrne attended, as well as the whole crew of the Solway, under the charge of their Captain, Mr. Wm. Fry, and all the available coastguardsmen of the station, together with the Harbour Masters' Company.

H.R.H. THE DUKE OF ALBANY AND HIS BETROTHAL.

The Court Circular of Tuesday contained an announcement which was read with no little interest throughout the country. The Duke of Albany, the youngest son of the Queen, is about to be married. The bride he has chosen for himself is

PRINCESS HELENE OF WALDECK,

daughter of the reigning Prince of Waldeck-Pyrmont, younger sister of the Queen of the Netherlands and niece of the Queen of Sweden. The Princess was born in 1861, and is therefore eight years younger than her future husband. She comes of a Protestant family already closely allied to two of the reigning houses of Europe, and not unworthy to give a Princess to the Royal family of England.

Of such a marriage there is little to be said beyond the expression of a cordial hope that it may prove to be a happy one. The career of the Duke of Albany, though less prominent and conspicuous than those of his elder brothers, is nevertheless one which the country has followed with peculiar interest and sympathy. Delicate in health from his childhood, though now we may hope enjoying the prospect of more robust manhood, he has been to a great extent cut off from the active and hardy training which his brothers have enjoyed. But by the exercise of a sound discretion on the part of his parents, seconded by his own natural aptitudes and inclinations, the physical disabilities of Prince Leopold have been turned to excellent account in the more scholarly and intellectual turn given to his education.

Prince Leopold, the youngest son of her Majesty, was born on April 7, 1853; and was, accordingly, twenty-eight when, in the spring of the present year, he entered the House of Lords as Duke of Albany. We have much pleasure in printing a portrait of his Royal Highness, taken from the Electric Light photograph of Mr. Van der Weyde, in Regent-street.

The enormous sale of HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA by some 4000 Agents (chemists, &c.) at once testifies to the high approval it has realised for its combinedly strong, delicious, and invigorating qualities.—[ADVT.]

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The Irishman.

THE PROSPECTS OF THE MIDDLEMEN

in Ireland at present are anything but bright; the future looks still more gloomy; and it is only justice to say that the evils brought upon the country by this class are now recoiling tenfold on their own heads. The middleman comes between the landlord and the working tenant. He holds the land on lease from the head landlord at a rental which may be safely assumed to be its fair, if not its highest, value. He then sub-lets to the unfortunate tenant at a rent which realises a very large percentage on the investment, and leaves the tenant to "sweat and groan," and live a life inferior to the very beast of the field, so as to let the landlord and the middleman live in luxurious indolence. The land and the tenant are thus unjustly handicapped. The land should, therefore, realise three profits—the landlord's, the middleman's, and, by right, the tenant's; but the first two sweep away any chance of the tenant's gain. Hitherto the tenant farmer of Ireland lived not for himself and his children, but laboured and died for the landlord and the middleman.

BY THE LAND ACT

this latter class—and a very numerous one it is—must eventually be swept away. For, from a very moderate estimate, the rentals of Ireland will be reduced at the very least some 20 per cent, and, as very few of the middlemen can screw a profit of over 20 per cent out of their unfortunate tenants, the middleman's interest in his leasehold must in the not distant future become nil, and the middleman himself a *rara avis* in the country. This consequence of the Land Bill will be a lasting benefit to the country. The privileges of a few should never be to the prejudice of the many; and the entire abolition of such a class is a fine

MEASURE OF JUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE.

The middlemen themselves are foreseeing their inevitable destruction, and, like rats in a scuttled ship, are endeavouring to make good their escape by selling out as speedily as possible. But, in the present precarious position of landed property in Ireland, few investors can be found willing or foolish enough to sink their money in land, and so the middlemen perforce will be compelled to stick to, and sink with, the ship.

A SUB-INSPECTOR IN TROUBLE.

A sub-inspector, R.I. Constabulary, named Rogers, county Clare, was charged at the Limerick Police Court, last week, with assaulting a man named O'Brien during the conveyance to jail of a "suspect" arrested in that city some time since. The accused was returned for trial. The utmost interest was taken in the proceedings, the court being crowded to excess. The magistrate's decision gave great satisfaction to the people, as the police in Limerick latterly would seem to be law-breakers more than peace-preservers.

SHOT DEAD.

A bailiff, named Luke Dillon, was shot dead a short distance from Ballyhaunis, county Mayo, on Thursday se'nnight. No arrests have been made up to the time I write.

MURDER AND ROBBERY.

An elderly maiden lady, named Goford, residing at Killadeck, county Wexford, was found dead in bed on Sunday morning last, with marks of violence on her neck. A trunk, in which she was supposed to keep money, was found in her room broken open, and it is surmised that robbery was the motive for the murder.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

For the past fortnight, I regret to report, agrarian outrages have been most numerous. Midnight raids for arms and violence to person in different parts of the country are reported day after day, painfully and positively proving that neither the Land Bill nor the Coercion Act has restored the tranquillity of the country. The Land Bill is of little or no benefit to Farmers who hold leases prior to 1870, and the Coercion Act has given the police such multifarious duties to perform that they are utterly powerless to perform their usual duties and prevent such outrages. The Irish policeman of the present day cannot devote his time to the elucidation of mysterious murders or the capture of midnight marauders. No; he has been transformed into a sleuth hound, to dog the steps of every petty village Land Leaguer, and report to the Castle the ways and doings and paltry affairs of every village hero. His powers of vision through a keyhole and his acuteness of hearing through a slit in a partition have acquired the importance of a science in the Force, and it is no wonder that rowdies are making best use of their opportunities while the onerous (?) duties of the preservers of the law occupy their attention elsewhere.

JUSTIN.

"KOOTOCA" cures for ever Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Rheumatic Gout, Lumbago, Sciatica, &c. The following, after long suffering, have been cured:—R. Oborn, 6, William-street, Buckingham-gate; J. Woolcff, 3, Mansplace, Westminster; Mrs. M. A. Court, Buckingham-street, S.W.; W. O. Bellingham, 264, Portobello-road, Nottinghill. Sold by Chemists, 2s. 3d. and 4s. 6d.; by post of Squire, Fox, and Co., Bloomsbury Mansion, London.—[ADVT.]

Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

THE PRINCE OF WALES enjoyed wonderful sport with the partridges at Rendlesham last week. The party of ten guns killed at the rate of 450 birds per day. Local reports state that the birds have been practised to fly in the proper direction, and were driven over the fences systematically for weeks previous to this grand shoot.

Early in December the Hon. Artillery Company will banquet their Captain-General, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and their new Colonel, the Duke of Portland. A thousand guests are expected to sit down to the repast, which will be held in the armoury.

The birthday of the Princess of Wales (1st prox.) is being anxiously looked forward to at Malta, as the flag-ship of the Mediterranean Fleet, which, it will be remembered, is named after her Royal Highness, will, on that day, give a ball at the Club-House on a scale of attractiveness never, according to report, attempted previously by the officers of any of her Majesty's ships. Of course the officers of all the vessels serving under Sir Beauchamp Seymour, who is familiarly known as the "Swell of the Ocean," will cordially co-operate to make the affair a complete success.

The Duke of Connaught is expected to resume the command of his regiment at Aldershott shortly after Christmas.

Mr. Bright is expected at Tweedside for a few days' fishing. Anglers have lately been very successful there.

Sir Julius Benedict completes his seventy-seventh year on Sunday next, the 27th inst.

Mr. George Dolby's reminiscences of Charles Dickens ought to be very interesting. I hear that they are to be published next season.

I am not at all surprised to hear that at Mr. Richard Bentley's trade-dinner, held a few nights since, Mr. Serjeant Ballantine's forthcoming "Reminiscences" were the favourite.

"Odette" is to be *the* piece of the season, and the next season, and probably the season after that. It is difficult to pass by the Paris Vaudeville, even as early as eleven o'clock in the forenoon; there is a *queue* almost as long and almost as eager as that which waits to take up a national loan. On the third night of "Odette," 33,000f. had been taken at the doors.

The gilded youth of Gaul is not improving in respect of wit or wisdom. A derisive crowd assembled last week on the banks of the Seine at the Bois de Boulogne, to see the Vicomte de Clary swim his mare Ophelie—a descendant of the illustrious Gladiateur—across the river. The horseman was dressed like a circus ring-master, and the horse was half dead when it reached the bank at Suresnes.

I hear that the Christmas piece for the Royalty Theatre will consist of a burlesque of "Youth," the offspring of the united intellects of Messrs. H. J. Byron and Robert Reece.

Twickenham, Saturday last: Anxiety was heightened by some little delay in setting the scene for "A Fair Encounter;" but at last the act-drop rose, and Mrs. Langtry was seen in a tastefully furnished room. Opera-glasses, nervously rubbed by their owners for fifteen minutes past, were all at once pressed, and the audience was gratified by seeing the Jersey Lily actually on the stage, and charmingly dressed in a frock which may be variously described as of roses half-hidden by snow or of strawberries and cream. It was a very pretty gown at least, and Mrs. Langtry has rarely looked better except in her deservedly favourite white. To the astonishment of some and the delight of all, her performance as Lady Clara St. John was marked by none of the embarrassment of the debutante. Not only did she appear quite at ease in all her movements on the stage, but her voice never betrayed the slightest tremor or weakness. Full, round, and vibrant, beyond the expectation of those who have heard Mrs. Langtry's voice only in society, it amply filled every corner of the large hall, containing at least a thousand spectators. This art of filling a large space with the voice without any apparent effort is one of the most important of stage gifts or acquirements, and is certainly possessed in great perfection by the beautiful debutante of Saturday last. It is needless to say how brilliant and effective was the Mrs. Celia Grenville of Mrs. Henry Labouchere, in what high good humour the audience remained till the end of the performance, and how heartily it was applauded. Then there was the usual bustle of departure, to get carriages or catch trains; and the hall was filled with exclamations of "I should not have expected this," "quite perfect and self-possessed," and other remarks, to the effect that those who had come to see Mrs. Langtry on the stage were surprised into hearty admiration.

PITIFUL STORY FROM CONSTANTINOPLE. ENGLISH BOY ACROBATS KIDNAPPED.

A barrister of the Temple, Mr. R. D. M. Littler, has rendered a useful service to the public by making the following shocking revelation—not the least horrible that has come from Turkey:—

I WAS LAST MONTH IN CONSTANTINOPLE,

and there, from information received, I was induced to inquire from our humane and active Consul General, Mr. Fawcett, into the truth of certain matters which I had heard. I understood that an Englishman, I know not whether conscience stricken or not, had complained as to the treatment of two of his sons in the troupe. I understood further that he alleged that many of these lads (who had performed before the Sultan as Arabs) were English; and, partly by my own inquiry and inspection, and partly through the courtesy of the Consul-General, I learnt the following fact:—That fourteen English boys, all born of London parents, had been sold at ages varying from three years and ten months to six years, for terms varying from ten to fourteen years, to a French Arab, calling himself Hadjali ben Mohammed, for sums from 30s. to 60s. each. The method of the sale was a duly stamped deed of apprenticeship, which recited that each of these unhappy infants "of his own free will and accord . . testified by his executing these presents, doth put himself apprentice," &c., and on the back is a receipt signed by the parent for the miserable blood money. In all cases Hadjali binds himself to find proper food and clothing, and in some to find proper education.

THESE POOR LADS

have been with their owner half over Europe, and are now in Constantinople, and this is their condition as I saw it. They were housed in a Turkish house in the most Turkish quarter of Stamboul. In the absence of their owner I succeeded in gaining admission. The stench on the lower floor was past description, and absolutely intolerable, even to a nose that was acclimatised to the thousand and one stenches of Stamboul, and it was not till I had the aid of a cigarette that I ventured to ascend the staircase cautiously, watched by the ladies of the establishment, the elder, a one-eyed and very stout reproduction of Mrs. Squeers, who was anything but pleased with my intrusion: the younger a lady who performs at a not very high-class *café chantant* at Pera. I thus saw these poor little creatures on

A "SURPRISE" VISIT.

They were huddled together in a room about 15 ft. square, the sole furniture of which was a few boxes containing their tumbling dresses. They were horribly dirty, barefooted, and clad solely in a pair of baggy Turkish trousers and an old filthy man's shirt. There was no washing place in or near the room. There was no bed, and they told me they were fed from a large round tin pot with some stew or skilly, the solid parts of which they tore with their hands, while the liquid part they drank from pannikins. They never tasted tea, coffee, or other drink than water, and had no food other than this disgusting mixture and bread. They were never allowed to dress decently save to perform, nor were they ever allowed to quit the house save for the same purpose. They had no toys, games, or amusements, nor were they allowed any other pastime but practicing their acrobatic performances. All had their heads and many their bodies

COVERED WITH SCARS,

partly the result of their owner's brutality, partly of wounds from falls caused in learning their miserable trade. Few of them could speak English. Some could speak French and some nothing but Arabic. They have never been in a place of worship in their lives. They are ignorant of the very name of God, and not one of them can read or write a line of any language under the sun. I grieve to say that, save the Arabs, all are, as I have said, of London parentage. No other Christian nation seems to have produced any such degraded parents to the hand of Hadjali ben Mohammed.

Thanks to the promptitude of Mr. Fawcett and his very able officer, Mr. Thompson, the Governor of the jail at Constantinople, these poor lads, who have never been able to attract Consular notice before, have all been registered as British subjects.

Mr. Littler adds that "a considerable sum will be needed to 'save the boys' (as Father Nugent says); and I appeal, nothing doubting, to my fellow-countrymen in the first place to wipe out such a disgrace by securing their future, and then to enforce or obtain an amendment of the law so as to make it impossible for so shameful a story to again occur. Contributions will be received by my esteemed friend the Rev. James Baird, M.A., the Vicarage, Southgate; and also by Messrs. Gosling, and Sharpe, the bankers, 19, Fleet-street, to the account kindly opened by them of 'The British Beni Zoug Zoug Fund.'" We have no doubt the boundless charity of England has by this time provided an ample sum for the restoration of these poor lads to their friends in England, or to the Mother Country, if they are utterly friendless here. Mr. Littler was, it appears, in error in supposing these boys were included among the Arab Troupe that performed at the Westminster Aquarium; but that does not militate against the main revelation he has had the good feeling to make.

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AND now a word about this year's crop. It is hardly satisfactory on the whole, but some of the choice crops secured by COOPER COOPER and CO. are simply delicious. COOPER COOPER and CO. are still enabled to sell the very best at Three Shillings a pound, and it is veritably a marvel of goodness—"a thing of beauty" and "a joy for ever." But the most astonishing thing of modern times is the Tea at Two Shillings a pound which COOPER COOPER and CO. are now selling. The rich and wealthy buy this Tea. Ladies drink it in their boudoirs and at their early drums, and, as one of our country patrons writes, "It is lovely."

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THE GLASGOW STEAMER SOLWAY IN FLAMES: GALLANT FIGHT OF CAPTAIN AND CREW AGAINST THE FIRE.

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Law and Crime.

THE DIAMOND ROBBERY AT HATTON-GARDEN POST OFFICE.

THE sketches we print of the Hatton-garden Post Office will enable our readers the better to realise the scene of the daring robbery effected on the Wednesday evening of last week at the branch post office on the west side of Hatton-garden. The establishment in question is in charge of five female clerks, who at about five o'clock were, as is usually the case at that hour, very busily engaged in serving customers and making up the night mails. Two bags had been already sealed and placed on hooks provided for the purpose (these hooks being in sight of the public) to await collection by the mail-cart. One, a green canvas bag, contained the registered letters deposited at the office during the afternoon, and was marked

"HATTON-GARDEN. REGISTERED LETTERS."

The other was a common brown bag, filled with ordinary letters and papers, and marked "Hatton-garden. Town delivery." Suddenly, and at a moment when the small office was rather crowded with customers, all its gaslights went out simultaneously. Great commotion ensued. The young ladies behind the counter were naturally alarmed, and there is considerable difficulty in obtaining any clear account of what occurred in the darkness. It is certain, however, that several persons made their exit in the course of the few minutes which elapsed before light was restored. Then the discovery was at once made that the two bags already described had been removed from the pegs on which they had been hanging, and were nowhere to be found.

HOW THE TRICK WAS DONE.

The police believe that at least two men were engaged in the robbery. One must have entered the room in the basement where the meter was placed, and there turned off the gas, while the actual thief, in the confusion which followed, made off with his plunder. The supposition that one of the men entered the basement is supported by the fact that a telegraph messenger, who was getting his tea in the basement at the time, says that just as the gas went out he heard someone scurrying up the stairs leading to the front office. The most inexplicable part of the affair is how the man gained access to the basement unobserved, as to do so he would have to pass through the front office, which was full of people at the time, and through a swing-door in the partition, which divided the front office from the private room of the clerks. At first suspicion fell upon a Post-office employé, who was said to have been in the basement at the time the gas was extinguished; but on further investigation, it was found that he was merely there in the ordinary pursuance of his duties. Another doubtful point which inquiries have cleared up, is that as to whether the gas was turned off at the meter, or, as has been stated, was blown out. There is undoubted evidence that the act of extinction was committed at the meter itself, as the post-mistress had to go down to it before the gases could be relighted, and it was then found that the tap was turned off.

THE VALUE OF THE LETTERS

carried off by the thieves is expected to be many thousands of pounds. In the neighbourhood of Hatton-garden there is almost a colony of diamond dealers, and it is well known that registered letters containing precious stones pass in exceptionally large numbers to and from that particular branch post office. It is not at all unusual for a registered letter or packet so forwarded to contain £6000 or £8000 worth of diamonds or jewellery, and a complete system of insurance is generally adopted. This is effected through an insurance office, at a charge averaging about 1s. 3d. per £100 value. Some merchants take out a floating policy by paying premiums in advance to insure £20,000 or £25,000 worth of goods, and every time a parcel is dispatched the insurance office is advised of its value, and write off the amount in their books, until, the balance being exhausted, a new policy is taken out. Thus it will be seen that no ultimate loss will be incurred by any of the consigners in the present instance.

£1200 REWARD.

Messrs. Lewis and Lewis, solicitors, of Ely-place, Holborn, acting upon the instructions of many diamond merchants and others, sufferers in the robbery, offered a reward of £1000 for information leading to the apprehension of the thief or thieves. The information posted at the various police stations is to the following effect:—"16th.—Two post-office letter-bags, one marked 'Hatton-garden: town delivery,' containing letters and newspapers, and one green canvas, H.G., registered letters. Town registered letters.—Larceny, Post-office."

To the reward of £1000 offered by the insurance companies the Post-Office authorities have added £200, so that £1200 will be paid to any person who gives such information as may lead to the arrest of the culprits.

THE PLYMOUTH ARRESTS.

Two men named Gibson and Arthur Reeve were arrested at Plymouth on Friday se'nnight, in an intoxicated state, on suspicion of being connected with the post-office robbery, having in their possession £2715 in deposits and Bank of England notes. On Saturday they were brought before the magistrates, when a telegram was received from a firm of London solicitors requesting their detention as fraudulent debtors, and late on Saturday night an officer from the London Bankruptcy Court arrived in Plymouth, armed with warrants for the arrest of the brothers on that ground. Gibson Reeve, of 89, Falcon-market, Clapham-junction, owes between £3000 and £4000, and Arthur Reeve, of 159, Marlborough-road, nearly £4000. They had been carrying on business as pawnbrokers for the last two years. A petition in bankruptcy had been presented against them within the past month, and they had quietly sold their business and absconded with the proceeds.

The London police authorities have since been engaged in watching the movements of certain persons who, they have reason to believe, have been accessories to, if not the principals in the robbery of the mail bags from the Hatton-garden post office.

EXECUTION OF GOUGH.

Alfred Gough, described as a hawker, was last Monday morning executed within the county jail at Derby for the murder of Eleanor Windle, aged six years, at Brimington, near Chesterfield, on Aug. 20 last. The circumstances of the murder were of the most horrible character. On the morning in question the deceased, along with several young girls about the same age, left their respective homes at Brimington, for the purpose of going into the adjoining country blackberrying. Whilst they were so engaged, Gough came up with a hand-cart containing, amongst other things, children's toys in the shape of coloured paper windmills, parasols, &c. Attracted by these, deceased left her companions and followed the man a short distance up the lane. Here the culprit enticed the deceased to go with him, and, selecting an out-of-the-way place, he outraged the poor little creature and then murdered her. The culprit then bundled the body up into a bag and, covering it over in his cart with some rags and bones, went on about his business as though nothing had happened. The child's disappearance caused inquiries to be set on foot, and as the murderer had been seen talking to her, he was questioned as to the deceased, but he denied all knowledge of her whereabouts. Next morning, however, a man named Brown, who had previously been engaged in the search, proceeded down a semi-private road leading from Staveley to Barron-hill, and down which the hawker had been seen to go on the previous afternoon. Abutting on this road was a plantation known as Hoole's Plantation, and there discovered the dead body of the missing child, lying on its back under a small tree.

Since his condemnation Gough has maintained a calm demeanour, and has attended carefully to the ministrations of the prison Chaplain. He has made several confessions of his guilt, and last Sunday evening formally expressed his contrition in terms which may be imagined from one sentence:—

If I had a hundred lives, I would give them to call that sweet, innocent little girl back to life; but it cannot be.

LEFROY.

Robert Fisk, the man who gave himself up to the police as being the murderer of Mr. Gold, was on Saturday brought before the Barnstaple Magistrates, charged on his own confession with the crime. Superintendent Longhurst stated that the prisoner had told him he had committed the murder and got out of the train with the body of Mr. Gold, who was not then quite dead. The prisoner, who appeared to be in an unsound state of mind, asked in a strange manner what it was all about and what he was there for. He was remanded for a week for inquiries to be made respecting him and also as to the state of his mind.

On Saturday the relatives of Lefroy received an anonymous letter in a lady's handwriting, stating that she had appointed to meet the convict at London Bridge Station on the day of the murder. The letter is well written, and is dated simply from London, the envelope having the London post-mark. The writer declares that she made Lefroy's acquaintance casually in the train, and that she in course of conversation mentioned that she should like to go upon the stage. Lefroy said that he could introduce her to the proprietress of the Brighton Theatre, and an appointment was made for them to meet at London Bridge, and proceed together to Brighton by the train in which the murder was committed. The writer says she was prevented from keeping her appointment by her father.

Dr. Green, of Peckham, who attended Mrs. Mapleton, the prisoner's mother, before and at the time of her confinement, has given his certificate as to the mental condition of his patient at the period mentioned. He says that for months she suffered from melancholia, and that the taint of insanity exhibited was likely to become hereditary. Dr. Green is now a very elderly gentleman, but he has a clear recollection of the case, and the notes in his books substantiate his statement. Another Peckham doctor, who attended Captain Mapleton up to the time of his death, has given a certificate to the effect that he died from insanity, which was likely to be perpetuated, and which was the result of years of over-indulgence in alcoholic drinks. The certificates have also been sent to Mr. Du ton, and will form part of the case of the prisoner's friends.

The memorial to the Home Secretary has a large number of signatures. Several eminent medical men have appended their names. According to latest accounts from Lewes, Lefroy's health remains good, and he does not seem to fear the end. He attends the services in the chapel, and listens most attentively to the ministrations of the chaplain, and still spends a great deal of time in writing. Some of his relatives judge from this that he is preparing some document, which he is desirous should be made public.

Sir John Humphreys, Coroner for East Middlesex, on Monday resumed his adjourned inquiry into the circumstances connected with the death of Henry Beedham, aged twenty-seven, of 8, Stansbury-road, Bethnal-green, who died, it is alleged, from injuries received in a fight with a man named James Newman. The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against Newman, and added as a rider that Newman acted under great provocation. The Coroner then made out his warrant for the committal of Newman.

THE HORNSEY MYSTERY.

On Saturday inquests were held by Sir John Humphreys and Dr. Danford Thomas, on the bodies of Katherine Fitzpatrick and her two little children, Kate and Sarah, who were found dead in the New River. Verdicts of "Found drowned" were returned in the cases of the mother and the child Kate, and one of "Wilful murder" against the mother in the case of Sarah, the second child. The jury expressed an opinion that the woman had committed the deed while she was of unsound mind.

MURDER IN WEXFORD.

Miss Gafford, a lady about fifty years of age, who held two small farms in Wexford, was found dead in her bed yesterday morning. There is little doubt that she had been murdered.

A NOTTINGHAM TRAGEDY.

A double murder of an extraordinary character has been committed at Nottingham. Shortly before three o'clock on Saturday morning a tradesman named Westby was fatally shot in his own house; and a few hours later, on the police going to the office of a solicitor in the same town, where the son of the deceased man was employed as a clerk, they found that a junior fellow-clerk, William Onions by name, had there been murdered. Henry Smith Westby, nineteen years of age, is in custody on suspicion of having been concerned in the commission of both crimes.

A BRADFORD FATALITY.

A Scotchman, named John Kelly, residing at Bradford, on Saturday night shot his wife in the neck, and immediately afterwards shot himself in the mouth. Both died in a few minutes. The motive of the dreadful crime is supposed to have been jealousy.

A SECOND ATTEMPT TO SHOOT GUITEAU

was made on Saturday last. As the prisoner was being taken from the court a young man rode up to the prison-van, fired at him, and then rode to the front and attempted to stop the van in order to have another shot. This was, however, prevented by the driver, who fired at the man. The latter then put spurs to his horse, and succeeded in escaping, although pursued. He was afterwards arrested. A New York correspondent says the attempt is attributable to the intense hatred of Guiteau which prevails among the people. The press denounce the act as a disgrace to American civilisation.

ANOTHER CLIFTON SUICIDE.

On Saturday last the body of a man was found lying in the mud under the Clifton Suspension Bridge. It was got out and taken to the St. Paul's Mortuary, and there identified as that of Captain Frederick Lisle, of Dean-crescent, Bedminster, who has been missing since the 5th inst. The removers of Hungerford Suspension Bridge to Clifton have much to be answerable for. The bridge appears to be a direct incentive to suicide.

FATAL AFFRAY AT A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

A fatal affray occurred at the Cambridgeshire Lunatic Asylum at Fulbourne last Sunday morning. It appeared that the male inmates of the asylum breakfasted, as usual, in the large dining-hall, and were afterwards draughted off to the wards. In one of these there were about fifty patients and several of the asylum officers. A slight altercation about some trivial matter arose between two of the inmates, a young man, named Warwick, who is about twenty-five years of age, and who belongs to Cherryhinton, and an elderly man, named Taylor, who belongs to Carlton. Both have been at the asylum for several years. It seems that in the course of the dispute, and before the attendants who were present could intervene, Taylor struck Warwick a violent blow on the jaw. Warwick, being exasperated, followed Taylor, who was walking away, and struck him a very severe blow under the right ear. The attendants, going forward to stop the quarrel, saw Taylor reel from the blow and fall to the ground. Dr. Bacon, the medical superintendent, and Mr. Boyd, his assistant, were summoned, but within five minutes Taylor died.

Sports and Pastimes.

THE FLAT-RACING SEASON

ends this week with the Warwick, Four Oaks' Park, and Manchester Meetings. There will thus be let loose in other fields of sport—and, alas! in our cities the brazen-tongued and humptious crew who are unpleasantly known as Turf followers—malodorous roughs whose sharping practices degrade England's most popular pastime.

The Warwick Meeting was commenced on Tuesday under most favourable auspices, the weather being fine, the attendance large, and the course good going for the time of year, while the racing promised to be of an interesting character. Of the five runners for the Tally-Ho Hurdle-race, speeding Sail proved a long way the best; and in the Hunt Cup Steeplechase Professor could only just raise a gallop when he got home. Winsome did the talent another turn in the Town Plate; and then a baker's dozen contested the Spa Nursery, the winner coming forth in Chadwick. Oxtyx won the Two-Year-Old Plate, Rubicon the Selling Welter, and Regent the Guy Welter, Fred. Archer being successful in the two last named, and for the Town Plate.

ROBERT THE DEVIL

has been purchased by the owner of the Beenham Stud for 8000 guineas, and has left the post for the paddock.

HUNTING ACCIDENTS.

Whilst out with the Albrighton hounds on Monday, Mr. F. Monckton, M.P., and Mr. Alfred Hickman, ironmaster, were thrown from their horses. Mr. Monckton sustained a fracture of one rib, and Mr. Hickman had two ribs broken and another displaced.

HER MAJESTY'S STAGHOUNDS.

The Queen's buckhounds met on Monday at Uxbridge-common, for a second run in the Harrow country.

SCULLERS' RACE FOR £200.

Last Monday afternoon a scullers' race took place over the usual championship course, from Putney to Mortlake, between David Gotlwin, of Battersea, and Joseph Flynn, of Tipperary. Before the start the Battersea man lodged an objection against his opponent on the ground that Flynn adopted an alias at the time of making the match, his right name being M'Namara, under which title he had previously won races in America, but nothing was known of him beyond this prior to the contest under notice. The men, starting by mutual consent, got away on most equal terms; but Godwin, dashing in his sculls at the rate of 36 strokes a minute, as against 27 by Flynn, was the first to show in front, and, on passing the London Boat-house, had secured no less than three clear lengths' advantage. Paddling steadily on, the leader reached Barnes Bridge in 22 min. 45 sec., as against 28 min. 20 sec.; and Godwin ultimately arrived at the Ship at Mortlake an easy winner by twenty lengths. Time, 29 min. 15 sec. The winner was well shown up by the well-known sculler, W. Spencer, whilst Higgins looked after Flynn, from the bows of an eight-oared cutter.

Half an hour previously Robert Larkin, of Lambeth, and Andrew Welsh, of Bermondsey, started from Putney Aqueduct to scull to Barnes Bridge; and Larkin won with the utmost ease.

FOOTBALL.

Lancashire v. Cheshire, under Rugby Union rules, was played at Manchester last Saturday before a large attendance. Hornby kicked two goals (from tries by Beswick), and then Beswick and Horsfall each secured a try, which left Lancashire victorious by two goals and six tries to nil.

The English Challenge Cup.—Old Etonians v. Clapham Rovers, holders of the trophy in 1879 and, 1880 respectively, met on the first round of ties at Kennington Oval last Saturday, when the Old Eton boys won by a goal. Turton contended with Astley Bridge for the third time, and again the game was left drawn—three goals each; while the Blackburn Rovers beat the Darwen Wanderers in the second round of ties by six goals to two.

Mexborough Counties v. Yorkshire.—Played at Birmingham last Saturday. Yorkshire secured victory by three goals and 4 tries (ties to nil).

COOK V. YOUNG ROBERTS AT BILLIARDS.

W. Cook and J. Roberts, jun., last Saturday afternoon gave an entertainment at 1000 up at billiards, and the best of nine games at pyramids, at Lee Turner's rooms, 93, Newman-street, W. The spot-stroke being barred, an interesting game ensued, for although Cook at one time was in receipt of 290 in front, his opponent pulled up wonderfully at the finish, and the former eventually won by 56 points only. In the pyramids Roberts won five games in succession—the first by 8 to 1; the second 8 to leaves; the third 8 to 5, the fourth 6 to 7; and the fifth by 10 to 4.

NORTH OF THE THAMES CROSS-COUNTRY UNION.

A large number of patrons of athletics were present at Tufnell Park grounds last Saturday afternoon, when the large field of forty-two runners was seen in the Three Miles handicap, confined to members of clubs belonging to the Union. After some grand racing, J. E. Dixon of the Islelon Harriers, with 160 yards start, won the first prize, by 40 yards, from F. J. Cullen, Lea Harriers, 150 yards start; W. S. Suffell, of the Hampstead Harriers, finishing a score of yards behind the Lea Harrier, third, and A. F. Heath, also a Lea Harrier, fourth—all the quartet being prize-takers. The winner's time was 15min. 41sec.

FRANKS'S EIGHT MILES.

At Lillie-bridge Grounds, last Monday afternoon, W. Franks, of Marylebone, succeeded in walking eight miles in 6 sec. under an hour; and won £25.

SHAW'S AUSTRALIAN TEAM.

A Melbourne correspondent writes, under date Oct. 8, as follows:—"The Cricket Association have decided not to let the coming of the English eleven interfere with the Inter-Colonial match, which will be played as usual. The matches the Englishmen will play in New South Wales before they meet the Sydney representatives, on Dec. 9, 10, and 12, will thoroughly organise them as a team, and by the time they are brought to oppose the combined strength of Australia on the M.C.C. ground on Dec. 31 and Jan. 2 and 3, they ought to work well together. A private speculator in Brisbane is at present in negotiation with Mr. Conway for the visit of the eleven to Queensland."

SAD GUN ACCIDENT.

Harry Tyers, the English professional of the Chesnut Hill Club of Philadelphia, accidentally shot and killed Harry Lightcap, a companion, while on a shooting party, on Nov. 1, at Montgomeryville, Pa.

THE YACHTING TRIP ROUND THE WORLD.

The Ceylon arrived at Genoa last Saturday. The passengers were kept in quarantine for eighteen hours, and therefore had a very short time on shore. They were to leave on Saturday night for Naples.

INDOOR LAWN TENNIS.

A hint for Messrs. Prince! An addition has been made to the winter sports of Brooklyn (U.S.) society people in the form of indoor lawn tennis courts, one of which has been prepared in the large hall, corner of Orange and Fulton-streets, formerly the Brooklyn Gymnasium Hall. It is to be the resort of members of a private club.

REVIVAL OF PRIZE-FIGHTING.

A prize-fight came off last Sunday morning near Tottenham and Stamford-hill, between Abel Dixon and a man named Coley, the stakes, it is alleged, being £15 a side. The men fought fifty minutes, during which twenty-three rounds were got through. The fight was awarded to Dixon.

Some alleged disclosures in reference to the revival of the prize-ring in England have just been made by a man giving the name of Weir. He alleges that there exists an organisation, to which until very recently he belonged, having for its object the promotion of prize-fights, its head-quarters being within a short distance of the Mile End-road. A large number of prize-fights have been arranged to come off during the ensuing winter months in various places on the outskirts of London, Birmingham, Manchester, St. Albans, and Hertford. At the head-quarters at the East-End there is a place known only to members as "the Den," where cock, dog, and prize fights come off every Sunday. Weir, it appears, was expelled because his "loyalty" was suspected.

A TYNE MATCH.

W. Tennant, of Ouseburn, was last Monday easily beaten by J. Hedley, of Walker, in a mile race on the Tyne, from the Mansion House to the foot of Water-street, for £20 a side.

RETIREMENT OF MICHAEL RUSH.

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THE FEMALE SCHOOL OF ART.

The annual exhibition of the works of the students of the school at Queen-square, Bloomsbury, was opened to private view on Saturday last, and the rooms were visited by a large number of persons interested in the welfare and conduct of the school. It is most satisfactory to be able to congratulate the superintendent, Miss Gann, who has for so many years directed the studies, and the committee of management, who are entirely independent of the Government schools at South Kensington, upon the well-maintained position of this representative centre of art-education for women. The present exhibition is decidedly in advance of any that has been given, and on comparison with the national exhibition of all the schools representing the work of students of both sexes throughout the country, it shows a standard of excellence in all branches, except architecture, sculpture, and mechanical drawing, quite equal to any reached by the male students. It is remarkable that the anatomical studies of the muscles and of the skeleton in the position of life and action—as, for example, in the well-known statue of the Discobolus of Myron and that of Naucydes—are superior to any studies of the kind done by the male students.

This most creditable and invaluably useful study is exemplified in the work of Miss C. M. Wood, who takes one of the third grade National prizes. Out of the 150 Queen-square students no fewer than ninety have taken National awards, and this number of prizes fell to forty-eight different students. Three National silver medals were won in the general competition of the schools by young ladies of this school—Miss Florence Reason, for a chalk drawing of the "Fighting Gladiator;" Miss Ethel C. Nisbet, for water-colour studies of red poppies, other flowers, and shells; Miss Mary E. Carter, for water-colour drawings of fruit, lemons, and pomegranates. Five National bronze medals were taken by Misses Nora Waugh ("The Wrestlers," in oil monochrome); Rose E. Welby, flowers; Edith Harris, flowers; Lilian Abraham, flowers; and Edith Robinson, flowers. Four of the National book prizes also were taken by pupils of this school.

The special honours of the school are the Queen's gold medal, and a separate scholarship of £30 per annum, which is soon to be increased by subscriptions to £60. The medal is taken by Miss M. E. Harding, for her oil-painting group of melon, grapes, vases, and tazza; the scholarship by Miss Constance Wood. The Gilchrist Scholarship of £50 was gained for two years in the last examination by Miss C. E. Nisbet, who takes also a National silver medal, and for the first year it is now awarded to Miss Bodé. The Clothworkers' Scholarship of £20 is taken by Miss M. E. Harding, the Queen's gold medallist of the

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year. The Baroness Burdett-Coutts's Scholarship of £40 to the evening classes is awarded to Miss Dora Crittenden. The prizes in money given by the committee were won—for drawing from the cast, Miss A. Barclay; freehand drawing, Misses M. Cathcart and Dora Crittenden.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts's prize of £2 for modelling the hand from nature was awarded to Miss H. Marcus; of £5 for a design of cameo brooch, to Miss F. Reason, former Queen's medallist and scholar, as well as Gilchrist scholar, in which competition Miss E. Harding stands honourably mentioned. The drawings from the cast of ornament are unusually good, and a great number of landscape and flower studies and sketches made by students in the vacation show that many of them are close observers of nature, and well taught to apply their freehand drawing in representing the delicate beauties of form and colour to be found in such infinite variety in the country. Prizes are given in this branch by the Rev. C. H. Middleton and Mr. J. C. Gordon. We noticed particularly some excellent pieces of work in wood-carving by ladies, students of the school established at the Albert Hall. The exhibition is well worthy a visit from all who are interested in the art education of women, of which it displays in the most practical and direct manner what valuable and important service is being rendered by the Queen-square School of Art for Women.

LADIES AT THE SLADE SCHOOL OF ART.

Elizabeth Thompson in one branch of art, Kate Greenaway in another, command so much popularity that any institution devoted to the culture of female artists should meet with extended patronage from young ladies. One of the best Art Schools of this kind is pictured on this page. It is the excellent school, which owes its origin to the late Mr. Felix Slade, who made a bequest for the foundation of a Fine Arts Department in the University College, Gower-street.

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LANCASTER PUBLIC SPIRIT.

A special meeting of the Lancaster Town Council was held last Monday to receive a communication from Mr. James Williamson, Ryelands, Lancaster, handing over a public park for the use of the town. The late Alderman Williamson, of Parkfield, Lancaster, undertook to expend £10,000 in forming a part of Lancaster Moor into a park, and in providing a maintenance fund, but he died before anything had been done to carry out his generous intention. The work, however, has been carried out by his son, Mr. James Williamson, of Ryelands, and the park was formally handed over to the Mayor on Monday. The cost of formation has considerably exceeded the original estimate, being £13,230 10s. 4d., and in his letter to the Council Mr. Williamson offered to provide a maintenance fund of £10,000, to be invested in the Corporation as trustees for the town. The total cost of the park will, therefore, be £23,230. The park has been named the Williamson Park, and is about forty acres in extent. The Council accepted Mr. Williamson's offer, and thanked him for his generosity.

POST OFFICE ROBBERIES:- Possible Reform by Prof.r Fawcett.

A Pinch of Tory Salt Catches the Stafford Bird

THE SHOWMAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

A Registered letter—and *not* posted in Hatton Garden! What can it contain? Has "my ship" at last "come home"? Can it be Lefroy's Confession? Or, the appointment of the Head Master of St. Paul's Industrial School as the new Governor of Natal? Eh, Gladstone, my boy? No! Joyful tidings! Tell the bell-ringers to get their hands in. Another Prince of our prolific Royal House is to be wedded. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany—little recking what he is doing—is to take unto himself a wife in the person—charming, doubtless, for I never yet met the Princess who was not lovely—in the person, I say, of La Belle Hélène of Waldeck! Well, Prince Leopold has hit upon a lucky period for his marriage. No Sir Charles Dilke *now* to oppose the Royal dowry! The well-rounded sentences of Gladstone—I fancy I hear them being delivered in his best flower-in-button-hole style—will carry all before them—particularly if the Premier announces that her Majesty will signalise the matrimonial alliance of her youngest son by emerging from retirement, to give H.R.H. Princess Beatrice a chance of choosing a mate. Be that as it may, here's happiness to the loving pair!

We now cut our pack afresh, Ladies and Gentlemen—to find Diamonds still trumps! Only it's Diamond cut Diamond when ye find the Artful Dodger getting the better of a brilliant of the first water like Mr. Fawcett. I would warn Master Charley Bates and the Artful Dodger, and their preceptor, Mr. Fagin, however, that the next time they try to turn the gas off at the P.O. meter, and make away with the bag of registered letters to the tune of £50,000, Mr. Fawcett's neat-handed Phyllises may be more than a match for them. We are betraying no official secret when we disclose in yonder cartoon the plan by means of which the Postal Minervas will in future be trained to give each thief a warm welcome. There was always something about Fawcett's pluck and readiness which I admired, in common with most Englishmen. He is the best Postmaster-General we have ever had—since Rowland Hill virtually ruled the roost. Full of resource, Fawcett—pooh-poohing in his House of Commons air very likely all Mrs. F.'s suggestions as

to doing away with his little host of bright Post-Office lasses—I haven't the slightest doubt in my own mind instantly framed a new code of rules for the examination of these young ladies. Above, behold the first code in action. Boxing is essential—biceps are ditto—leaping is indispensable—wrestling, too. And, as one who has dealt as largely and as needlessly as most men in penny postage stamps for the sake of catching a passing glimpse of the darlings, I am bound to say that Fleet-street alone can produce lusty and muscular Postal Venuses able to give a good account of the Artful Dodger of Master Charley Bates if he should try his tricks on in that district. But, if they must have a foreman, need I tell so acute a man as Mr. Fawcett where he will find *one* trusty and able-bodied male to look after her Majesty's Mail?

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